

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Mexico

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities in Mexico to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 14 Months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: June through September of the following year.

(3) Program Description: Two FAOs conduct ICT in Mexico each year. FAOs attend the second year of the Mexican Army Command and Staff College (Escuela Superior de Guerra). This is the most mentally challenging course a FAO can attend. Please contact the Latin America FAO Program Manager if you are interested in going to Mexico.

(a) FAOs conduct regional travel before and after completion of the course.

(b) Language Instruction Availability: FAOS are immersed in the language for the duration of their course.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; Spanish DLPT 2+/2+.

b. POVs: Each FAO is authorized shipment of one POV. Strongly recommend driving it to Mexico City.

c. Household Goods. FAOs are authorized full JFTR. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

d. Housing: Officer receives Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and must arrange for privately leased housing. Before signing a lease, FAOs must ensure housing meets all Embassy requirements. Due to security reasons, there are only certain neighborhoods in which FAOs may live. Both houses and apartments are available.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: Embassy Health Clinic provides limited medical support. U.S. certified doctors available. FAOs are also entitled to medical support through the Mexican Army while attending the course.

(2) Dependent Schooling: American School in Mexico City provides excellent schooling from pre-school to high school. Cost is paid via DODDS, except for pre-school.

(3) PX/Commissary: Embassy operates a small but expensive Commissary. Special orders from U.S. take three weeks. Ample local shopping for many goods available but expensive.

(4) APO: A full service APO is available at the Embassy. Normal postal regulations for size and weight apply.

f. Rating Chain:

Rater: AARMA
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3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve as valuable references while attending school.

b. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms.

c. Regional Travel Priorities:

- (1) Priority one: Guatemala, Central America
- (2) Priority two: Colombia, Brazil
- (3) Priority three: Other South America countries.

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